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Christmas.

Before another issue of this paper is due Christmas will be with us, with its glad tidings of joy and mirth to both the young and old. We hope that our readers will all spend this sacred day in the proper way. Let us remember that it is the birthday of our Lord and Savior, and that to properly observe this day is to spend it in sincerity and righteous living. We should not celebrate this sacred day in altogether winning and dining coupled with exploding fireworks and yelling, but rather should we seek out to keep the day as we believe our Lord would have us keep it. Eating upon the fat of our labors on this day is not sinful, innocent explosives by the young is not sinful to our judgment, neither is innocent games and other forms of amusement sinful, but trifling gambling as is frequently indulged in should not be encouraged, and excessive drinking to celebrate the birth of our Savior is a disgrace to us as a Christian nation. Let us spend this Christmas in a sober, righteous manner and wash our hands from the many sinful practices heretofore indulged in.

Now that the gift time of the year is here we should remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Free Course in Road Building.

The College of Civil Engineering of State University of Kentucky will open January 6 the second annual course for municipality and highway engineers. A large attendance is expected. This course will be open to all citizens of the State free of charge and persons applying for admission will be admitted without any reference to educational qualifications. The subjects of surveying leveling, mapping, making profiles, road construction and maintenance, specifications, city streets, paving and highway bridges will be studied and discussed. From time to time during the course experts on the various subjects under consideration, will lecture to the classes, thus giving them the benefit of years of practical experience.

L. & N. Must Reduce Rates.

The Interstate Commerce Commission upheld the Lebanon Commercial Club's complaint against the L. & N. involving first-class rates between Lebanon and Louisville, and from outside points to Lebanon. First-class rates from Louisville to Lebanon are held unreasonable and rates for the future are prescribed, being reduced from 45 to 28 cents and so on down the line.

O. D. Snowden, who moved from this county to Arkansas a number of years ago, has returned on a visit. He is now at Winchester.

New Road Proposed.

The road from this city to Stanton has never and never can be made what the people require. It is too hilly. For some time there has been talk of a new route some what paralleled to the railroad, but nearer the foot of the hills on dryer land. The Times has always advocated a better grade for our roads. Now that in the near future another bridge between this city and Stanton is imperative, and on the proposed new road it will be some further down the river, it is well that the road be located first and ready for travel when the bridge is completed. We don't think the county can ever afford to improve the old road, and for this reason a new road of better grade should be opened and be made ready for permanent improvement soon as the county becomes able to do so.

The new road proposed, besides having so much better grade, is also some nearer. On the old road, if a bridge is built at the present crossing, it is claimed that an additional bridge will have to be built across a creek this side of the river ford to get across the backwater which is in the way soon after the river gets up. It is also claimed that a bridge can be located on the new road where abutments will be necessary only on one side of the river and that an approach to the bridge will have, of course, to be built to but one side on account of the cliff and high bank on this side of the river. The contention is that the saving of money on the building of the bridge on the proposed new road and the saving to the county on not having to build an extra bridge to head off backwater, will be sufficient to open up the new road and fit it for travel.

The law passed by the last session of the Legislature requires that no new road can be built in this State where the grade at any place is greater than five feet rise to one hundred feet in distance. The new road can be made to conform to this law, and as it can, everybody knows the road should be opened. There will be no movement made, we presume, to close the old road, but it will be left for use just as it is, and there would not, at this time, be an agitation for a new road were it not to get the bridge located on a better graded road.

Powell county must in the future have better roads. The grade must be improved, as well as the surface of the road. The location must also be improved. Working along these lines, the county should never spend much money on any road unless it is a

permanent fixture and unless it is on the best location possible.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has decided that the Illinois Central railroad must furnish cars to the mines along its lines according to their rated hourly capacity. In this, it is believed, a solution of the troubles at the mines at McHenry, Ohio county, has been found.

It is our intention to get the Times out next Tuesday that we may take a week off Christmas without interruption. It is usually one day and we guess it will be that way this time, but we want to get the paper off so we can get one hindrance at least out of the way.

Judge Allen McCormick, of Montgomery county, who was so seriously injured in a railroad accident near Mt. Sterling last Thursday, at time his daughter was killed, is now thought to have good chances for recovery.

The Times one year sent to a friend would make a real nice Christmas present. It would pleasantly remind your friend of your generosity fifty-two times during the year. Try it.

Times Change.

In days of old this little fable was applicable: A man had three grown sons for whom he selected vocations. The first one was very smart, the next one was very good, the last was very simple minded. In his wisdom the man said:

"This one is so very smart I will make a lawyer of; the good one shall be a preacher; poor Jack knows so little I will make a farmer out of him."

But times have changed, and the wheels of progress have slowly turned and today there is no occupation in the world that calls for more ability and judgment, brains, training, industry and adaptability than does farming. It is surely a man's job. To plow and sow and reap without understanding is no more real farming than cutting a man's leg off with an axe is surgery. Agriculture is the basis of a nation's wealth and without our agriculture we would not be here. We could not live, and all industry bears a direct relationship with farming. Our soil is our greatest asset and from the soil comes the major portion of all the wealth of which we boast. Conserving and building up this, our greatest asset, helps every one, whether rich or poor, a worker or a retired man.—Inland Farmer

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